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4 DANIEL J. OFFIELD,
5 Plaintiff,
6 v.
7 ERIC HOLDER,
8 Defendant.

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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

6 Case No. 12-cv-03053-JST

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8 **ORDER REGARDING CONTACT
9 WITH CHAMBERS**

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12 On May 7, 2014, Abraham Simmons, an attorney for the Defendant, contacted one of the
13 undersigned's law clerks using the law clerk's direct dial chambers telephone number. The law
14 clerk picked up the receiver because he did not know who was calling or the purpose of the call.

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16 Mr. Simmons stated that this case should be set for a bench trial beginning on June 2,
17 2014, rather than for a jury trial as currently shown on the Court's public calendar. The law clerk
18 suggested that Mr. Simmons file a notice on the docket.

19 The Court understands that Defendant's counsel may have felt the contact was appropriate
20 since the matter was procedural and the issue had already been discussed by the parties.
21 Nonetheless, the purpose of this order is to make clear that counsel are not to contact a law clerk
22 directly without the Court's prior permission, are not to call chambers regarding a case without the
23 Court's prior permission, and are not to engage in *ex parte* contacts with the Court. Any party
24 wishing to bring a case scheduling matter to the Court's attention should do so through William

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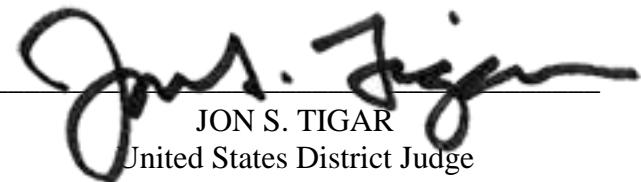
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1 Noble, the Courtroom Deputy, using his publicly available telephone number or e-mail address, or
2 by filing a motion or other appropriate request on the public docket.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: May 8, 2014

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6 JON S. TIGAR
United States District Judge

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